

**COMPARABLE
STATISTICS
OF
RHODE ISLAND
PUBLIC LIBRARIES
2002**

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INTRODUCTION

The Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS) is pleased to publish the Comparable Statistics 2002. The information has been compiled from the 2002 Annual Reports submitted by libraries in 38 Rhode Island cities and towns. The town of Exeter did not have a public library open in fiscal year 2002 and therefore there was no Annual Report for Exeter. 47 out of 48 independent libraries and library systems submitted reports. The State tables factor in only the 47 libraries.

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HOW TO READ THE TABLES

The tables in the Comparable Statistics 2002 are compiled from data collected by the public libraries of Rhode Island between July 2001 and June 2002 (fiscal year 2002) and July 1, 2003. The data was submitted by the libraries to the Office of Library and Information Services as part of the Annual Report. Each table title includes the data collection period. The twenty four (24) Wages tables are compiled from July 1, 2003 data. The two (2) Local Government Tax-Based Operating Funds tables and the State Totals for Appropriations table are compiled from fiscal year 2002 and 2003 data. The fiscal year 2003 data are appropriations only. All other tables are strictly fiscal year 2002 data.

Most libraries reported on a July to June fiscal year. However the following libraries reported on different fiscal years. The cities and towns are East Providence, Jamestown, and Scituate.

On the Table of Contents web page of the Comparable Statistics publication, each State Totals table is followed by library table(s) that list the data from every library included in the State Totals table. In this introduction to the Comparable Statistics 2002, library tables refer to tables listing data from all forty seven (47) libraries.

The first column of each library table is in alphabetical order by library code. See the Library Code Table for the library name associated with each library code. More information about the libraries listed in the Comparable Statistics is available on the LORI website (www.lori.ri.gov/lori/) in the Public Library Directory. The Public Library Directory lists the city/town, governance status, the delivery code, address, phone, fax, email, Chair, CLAN status, web address, hours and directions.

The data elements from which the raw data was drawn to compile the Comparable Statistics 2002 are in the 2002 Annual Report that was submitted by the 47 public libraries. Breakdowns in the tables may be selective and therefore may not add up to grand totals provided. See the 2002 Annual Report forms for actual data elements collected. Many column headers on the Comparable Statistics 2002 tables are identical to the data element names in the 2002 Annual Report.

All currency in the Comparable Statistics 2002 is rounded out to the nearest dollar.

Selective notes may also be found at the bottom of the Comparable Statistic table they relate to.

THE TABLES

All the tables in the Comparable Statistics 2002 are compiled from the 2002 Annual Report forms. Here are some general guidelines for matching the tables in the Comparable Statistics to the Annual Report forms:

Tables relating to income and expenditures are derived from the Income and Expenditure form.

Tables relating to total staff hours (Number of Staff) are derived from the Staff Size form.

Tables relating to collection, circulation, ILL (Interlibrary loan), and programs are derived from the Collection and Services form.

Tables relating to computer terminals and databases are derived from the Technology Services form.

Exceptions are listed in the following tables. For they have data derived from 2002 Annual Report forms with an unassuming name. The form name is connected below for those tables.

Local Government Tax-Based Operating Funds tables are appropriations and expenditures from the Certification of Appropriation and Expenditure form.

State Totals for Appropriations table is appropriations from the Certification of Appropriation and Expenditure form and the Application for Grant-In-Aid.

State Totals for Systems, Facilities, and Staff table is data from the Main Library/System form and the Staff Size form.

Administrative Entity table is data from the Main Library/System form.

State Total for Services, Programs, and Hours table is data derived from the Collection and Services form and the Technology Services form.

Annual Count of Library Services/Hours Open table is data derived from the Collection and Services form and the Main Library/System form.

WAGES

Actual wages were calculated into the Wage table averages when available. Wages for vacant positions or other positions reporting a range without an actual wage were averaged before calculated into the Comparable Statistic averages. Wages were simple averaged due to the variables provided between and within the libraries. Averages were calculated to be truly comparable and therefore the weighted average method was deliberately not employed. It was a consensus that the simple averaging method more than adequately served to demonstrate differences in pay for similar work. Weighted averages are

best calculated when requiring a refinement beyond that of the Comparable Statistics. The raw data from the 2002 Annual Report is available upon request for individual purposes.

The job categories developed for the Salaries and Wage form group ordinarily incongruent position titles across the state. The job categories organize positions by duties rather than by position title. As a consequence, some positions with and without a Masters in Library Science (MLS) are clustered in one category. An MLS in the Comparable Statistics means that at least one individual with an MLS was reported in the category. Non-MLS staff may or may not be included in the category. A non-MLS in the Comparable Statistics means no MLS staff were reported for this category.

Library Directors with non-managerial duties in children's services, for example, reported split positions. Each category reports a fraction of the person. The combined categories add up to a whole person.

LIBRARY CODE TABLE

<u>Library Code</u>	<u>Library Name</u>	<u>City/Town</u>
ASH	Ashaway Public Library	Hopkinton
BAR	Barrington Public Library	Barrington
BRI	Rogers Free Library	Bristol
BUR	Jesse M. Smith Memorial Library	Burrillville
CFA	Central Falls Free Public Library	Central Falls
CHA	Cross' Mills Public Library	Charlestown
CLA	Clark Memorial Library	Richmond
COV	Coventry Public Library	Coventry
CRA	Cranston Public Library	Cranston
CUM	Cumberland Public Library	Cumberland
DFL	Davisville Free Library	North Kingstown
EGR	East Greenwich Free Library	East Greenwich
EPL	East Providence Public Library	East Providence
ESM	East Smithfield Public Library	Smithfield
FOS	Foster Public Library	Foster
GLO	Glocester Manton Free Public Library	Glocester
GVL	Greenville Public Library	Smithfield
HAR	Harmony Library	Glocester
HPE	Hope Library	Scituate
JAM	Jamestown Philomenian Library	Jamestown
JOH	Marian J. Mohr Memorial Library	Johnston
LAN	Langworthy Public Library	Hopkinton
LCO	The Brownell Library	Little Compton
LIN	Lincoln Public Library	Lincoln
MID	Middletown Public Library	Middletown
NAR	Narragansett Public Library	Narragansett
NKI	North Kingstown Free Library	North Kingstown
NPR	Mayor Salvatore Mancini Union Free Library & Cultural Center	North Providence
NPT	Newport Public Library	Newport
NSH	Island Free Library	New Shoreham
PAS	Pascoag Public Library	Burrillville
PAW	Pawtucket Public Library	Pawtucket
POR	Portsmouth Free Public Library	Portsmouth
PRO	Providence Public Library	Providence
SCI	North Scituate Public Library	Scituate
SKI	South Kingstown Public Library	South Kingstown
TIV	Ti verton Library Services	Tiverton
TYL	Tyler Free Library	Foster
WAR	Warwick Public Library	Warwick
WES	Westerly Public Library	Westerly
WGR	Louitt Memorial Library	West Greenwich
WIL	Willett Free Library	North Kingstown
WNS	Woonsocket Harris Public Library	Woonsocket
WPO	Pontiac Free Library	Warwick
WRR	George Hail Free Library	Warren
WWA	West Warwick Public Library	West Warwick